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SUBJ: SADAT CITY

1. SUMMARY: PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE GOE FOCUSING ATTENTION ON BEGINNING WORK AT "NEW TOWN" OF SADAT CITY. MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN, HOWEVER, ABOUT DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT. END SUMMARY

2. RECENT CAIRO PRESS HAS CARRIED ARTICLES STATING THAT GOE AUTHORITIES HAVE "STARTED TO EXECUTE PLANNING MEASURES" FOR FIRST STAGE OF SADAT CITY PROJECT. CHAIRMAN OF NEW CITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, HASSABALLH EL KAFRAWY, IS QUOTED IN ONE ARTICLE AS SAYING THAT THESE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN WITHOUT WAITING FOR FINAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED BY CONSULTANTS WORKING ON SADAT CITY STUDY. STUDY IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED SEPT 77, BUT GOE IS ACTING NOW "IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME." FIRST STAGE WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 150,000 PERSONS AND, ACCORDING TO KAFRAWY, CITY WILL EVENTUALLY INCLUDE AN IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX AND VARIOUS OTHER INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES.

3. IT IS UNCLEAR FROM NEWS ACCOUNTS WHAT IS MEANT BY "STARTED

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TO EXECUTE PLANNING MEASURES," I.E., WHETHER FURTHER PLANNING OR CONCRETE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING PLAN IS BEING UNDERTAKEN. STAFF MEMBER (DIR IS OUT OF TOWN) AT SADAT CITY PLANNING STUDY GROUP (SCPSG), WHICH IS CONSULTANT REFERRED TO ABOVE, SAID HIS OFFICE IS ITSELF MYSTIFIED ABOUT WHAT KAFRAWY HAS IN MIND AND HAD BEEN TRYING REACH HIM FOR CLARIFICATION. SCPSG OFFICIAL NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT KAFRAWY HAD BEEN BUILDING UP

HIS OFFICE STAFF AND WAS UNDER PRESSURE TO SHOW FORWARD  
MOVEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT OF MUCH-TALKED-ABOUT NEW CITIES  
SCHEMES.

4. KAFRAWY'S REFERENCE TO IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX IS OF  
SPECIAL INTEREST. SCPSG DIR IN JULY SENT EMBASSY COPY OF SCPSG  
LETTER TO KAFRAWY NOTING REPORTS THAT IRON AND STEEL COM-  
PLEX PLANNED FOR SADAT CITY MIGHT BE BUILT INSTEAD AT SITE  
WEST OF ALEXANDRIA, NEAR PLANNED MAJOR PORT OF DEKHEILA.  
LETTER PROTESTS ANY SUCH MOVE IN VIEW CENTRAL IMPORTANT OF  
THIS MAJOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITY TO ENTIRE SADAT CITY CONCEPT.  
QUESTION, ACCORDING SCPSG STAFFER, WAS NOT MERELY DIRECT EM-  
PLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX WOULD PROVIDE,  
BUT FACT THAT FACILITY WOULD GENERATE NUMEROUS "SPIN-OFF"  
ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND WOULD REPRESENT SOLID GOE COMMIT-  
MENT TO DEVELOPMENT OF CITY.

5. KAFRAWY, SCPSG BELIEVES, RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF IRON AND  
STEEL COMPLEX TO PLANS FOR SADAT CITY, AND SUPPORTS HAVING IT  
LOCATED THERE. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT GOE INDUSTRIAL  
PLANNERS ARE CURRENTLY CONCENTRATING ON ALEXANDRIA SITE AND  
HAVE INVITED PROPOSALS FROM FOREIGN FIRMS FOR STUDIES AND EVENTUAL  
INVESTMENT IN IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX, WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE  
BASED ON LOCATION NEAR ALEXANDRIA. THUS, DESPITE EVIDENCE  
OF INCREASING GOE ATTENTION TO SADAT CITY, MANY QUESTIONS REMAIN  
ABOUT FORM, PACE AND DIRECTION OF ITS DEVELOPMENT. GOE  
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SOURCES OF FINANCING FOR SADAT CITY PROJECT, AS WELL, REMAIN  
AS MUCH A MATTER OF DOUBT AS EVER.  
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